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BEGIN SUMMARY: ULTIMATE US GOAL OF 100 PERCENT AIRCRAFT SHELTERS FOR ALL

TACTICAL AIRCRAFT THROUGH M PLUS 30 POSSIBLY WILL NEED TO BE PHASED OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS BECAUSE OF HIGH COSTS AND OTHER HIGH PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. THIS MESSAGE SUGGESTS A POSSIBLE GOAL FOR DECEMBER DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING. REQUESTS WASHINGTON'S GUIDANCE BY 14 OCTOBER 1973. END SUMMARY.

1. AT DPC MEETING JUNE 7, 1973 SECDEF PROPOSED AS ONE OF THE CRITICAL ITEMS NEEDED DURING THE EARLY STAGE OF CONFLICT, 100 PERCENT SHELTERS FOR ALL EUROPEAN BASED AIRCRAFT AND ALL US AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED FOR DEPLOYMENT BY M PLUS 30. CURRENT NATO POLICY PROVIDES INFRASTRUCTURE MONEY FOR 70 PERCENT OF THE EARMARKED AND SECRET

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ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT ON THE CONTINENT BY THE END OF 1975.

2. ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR SHELTER PROTECTION OVER PRESENT 70 PERCENT PROGRAM ARE:

LEVEL	COSTS
80 PERCENT	\$75M (US)
90 PERCENT	150 M
100 PERCENT	225 M
100 PERCENT M PLUS 30 400.	

3. SHAPE HAS REQUESTED AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THREE BILLION (US) DOLLARS FOR ITS NEXT FIVE-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY MONEY FOR SHELTERS. IN THE SHAPE PROGRAM, THE UNITED STATES PLANS TO SUPPORT AN AMOUNT OF TWO BILLION DOLS (UL. AND THE ALLIES PLAN TO SUPPORT AN AMOUNT LESS THAN TWO BILLION DOLS. FROM THIS PROGRAM, THE US PLANS TO SEEK INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS FOR US CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THAT WOULD NORMALLY BE SUPPORTED BY THE US BUDGET.

4. MOST ALLIES FEEL THAT 400 M DOLLARS FOR SHELTERS WOULD BE OUT OF THE

QUESTION SINCE IT WOULD HAVE TO BE AT EXPENSE OF OTHER HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, THEY BELIEVE THAT 100 PERCENT OF AIRCRAFT WOULD NEVER BE IN SHELTERS AT ONE TIME BECAUSE OF DEPOT MAINTENANCE, FLYING TRAINING, RUNWAY ALERT REQUIREMENTS, ATTRITION, ETC. THEY ALSO EXPECT TO USE SHELTERS VACATED BY AIRCRAFT LOST ON MISSIIONS FOR AUGMENTATION FORCES. FINALLY, MOST ALLIES OBJECT TO BUILDING SHELTERS FOR US AIRCRAFT THAT ARE NOT PHYSICALLY PRESENT OR EVEN EARMARKED FOR NATO.

5. AS A PRACTICAL GOAL FOR THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL MEETING, US MISSION

OFFERS FOR CONSIDERATION THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM:

A. ENDORSEMENT BY DPC MINISTERS OF ULTIMATE GOAL OF 100 PERCENT SHELTER PROTECTION FOR TACTICAL AIRCRAFT THROUGH M PLUS 30.

B. DECISION BY DPC MINISTERS TO INCREASE SHELTER CON-
STRUCTION TO 90 PERCENT IN THE CURRENT FIVE YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE
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PROGRAM (PREFERABLY THROUGH AN ADD-ON TO INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS, EITHER THROUGH A NEW EDIP OR THROUGH NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS).

C. DECLARATION OF SUPPORT BY DPC MINISTERS FOR ACCELERATED BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS ON CO-LOCATED BASES FOR US FOLLOW-ON AIRCRAFT, AND DECISION BY DPC MINISTERS TO PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS FOR NECESSARY NEW FACILITIES AT THESE BASES.

D. ANNOUNCEMENT BY US SECDEF THAT US FOLLOW-ON AIRCRAFT WILL BE EARMARKED TO NATO.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT BY SECDEF OF US INTENT TO BEGIN CON-
STRUCTION OF SHELTERS FOR M PLUS 30 AIRCRAFT (INF VIEW OF MONIES

THAT WILL BE RECOVERED FROM INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE PRE-FINANCED
SHELTERS OVER THE 70 PERCENT NATO GOAL).

6. WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON US GOALS REQUESTED BY OCTOBER 14,
1973 FOR USE AT OCTOBER 16 EWG MEETING, IN TIME TO INFLUENCE
THE EWG REPORT TO THE DPC ON SHELTERS.
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